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Office of the Director Mr. Richard Helms. Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am very much interested in how and why the organization of AMERICAN FRIENDS OF VIETNAM took place in 1955 and in some of its activities.

I realize that most of the activities of the CIA are secret however, some of its activities are well known; I would appreciate any information you will give me to the following inquiries:

- 1. Did the CIA personnel participate in the early formation, open or covert, in the organization of the American Friends of Vietnam?
 - 2. What interest does the CIA have in the AFVN ?
- 3. Were CIA personnel involved with AFVN after its formation to present time, at any time?
- 4. Was CIA money or funds furnished to AFVN either direct, or indirect through covert means or fictitious "conduits" ?

Many people, including myself, believe the AFVN was a product of the CIA and I would like to know the truth if it is possible to obtain .

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